IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No 8839 of 2001

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE KUNDAN SINGH

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements? : NO

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : NO

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : NO

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the Civil Judge? : NO

PATEL PRAFULLABEN PANKAJKUMAR

Versus

REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER

Appearance:

MR AM PAREKH for Petitioner No. 1
MR DN PATEL Sr. Central Govt. Standing Counsel for the Respondent No. 1.

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE KUNDAN SINGH

Date of decision: 03/10/2001

ORAL JUDGEMENT

Rule. Mr. D.N. Patel, learned Sr. Central Government Standing Counsel appears on behalf of the respondent and waives service of rule on behalf of the

respondent.

2. This petition has been filed for a direction to the respondent to issue passport with necessary correction with regard to birth place of the petitioner as "DINGUCHA" in place of "AHMEDABAD".

3. It is also stated that due to some inadvertence wrong place of birth of the petitioner as Ahmedabad has been mentioned in the passport issued by the respondent. The petitioner has moved the application before the respondent authority for the very purpose but the same has not been decided saying that the respondent has no authority or power to make correction with regard to birth place of the petitioner in the passport unless any order is passed by the competent Court of law in this respect. The learned counsel for the petitioner has referred to the birth certificate of the petitioner issued by the authority concerned.

4. In the facts and circumstances of this case, this petition is being disposed of finally by directing the respondent to consider and decide the aforesaid application filed by the petitioner on the basis of the material and evidence on record including the birth certificate produced by the petitioner in accordance with law with regard to correction of the place of birth as "DINGUCHA" in place of "AHMEDABAD", as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of one month from the date of presentation of a certified copy of this order. The respondent authority would be at liberty to pass appropriate order with regard to costs of this proceedings.

5. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent, with no order as to costs. D.S. is permitted.

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